

Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

Budget Summary



Overview

The Justice Appropriations Subcommittee proposed budget totals \$4.4 billion, which is a \$743.8 million (14.3 percent) decrease from the 2010-11 fiscal year. This includes a \$241,041 million (6.72 percent) decrease in General Revenue funds for a total of \$3,345.8 million for the 2011-12 fiscal year. The budget also includes a \$502.8 million (31.73 percent) decrease in trust funds for a total \$1,081.5 million for the 2011-12 fiscal year. The budget includes funding for 48,820 positions, which is 2,867 fewer positions than the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Key Issues

- Reduces operational costs in the Department of Corrections by \$41.1 million.
- Eliminates Basic Training Program (boot camp) within the Department of Corrections resulting in \$2.7 million reduction in the overall budget from the 2010-11 fiscal year.
- Requires the Department of Corrections to competitively procure comprehensive correctional services through the outsourcing of the correctional institutions and felony community supervision services within Broward and Miami-Dade counties.
- Eliminates misdemeanors in residential programs unless the youth meets certain criteria resulting in a \$24.6 million reduction in the overall budget from the 2010-11 fiscal year.
- Provides \$3.3 million for community-based programs and electronic monitoring as other options for misdemeanor youth.
- Provides for a transfer of all functions of the Department of Legal Affairs Cybercrime Office to the existing cybercrime unit at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (net reduction \$1.4 million).
- Redistributes the base budget among all 20 circuits for the State Attorneys and Public Defenders. Those circuits that received a decrease due to the redistribution were provided nonrecurring General Revenue in the same amount of the reduction.
- Removes the funding for Clerks of Court and the Corporation, which administratively supports the Clerks of Court, from the state budget.
- Limits reductions to the State Courts System to a 3.2 percent decrease compared to the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Breakdown

Department of Corrections

- \$2.270 billion budget, which is a decrease of \$162.8 million (6.7 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Department of Juvenile Justice

- \$502.1 million budget, which is a decrease of \$104.1 million (17.17 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Department of Law Enforcement

- \$247.7 million budget, which is a decrease of \$2 million (1 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Legal Affairs/Attorney General

- \$178.1 million budget, which is a decrease of \$9.8 million (5.2 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Parole Commission

- \$8.2 million budget, which is a decrease of \$199,000 (2.4 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

State Attorneys

- \$399.2 million budget, which is an increase of \$3.3 million (1 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Public Defenders

- \$203 million budget, which is an increase of \$8.9 million (4.6 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Public Defenders Appellate Division

- No reductions were recommended for the Public Defenders Appellate Division. The Subcommittee proposes a \$13.9 million budget for 2011-12 fiscal year.

Justice Administrative Commission

- \$86.0 million budget, which is a decrease of \$198,000 (.23 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Guardian Ad Litem

- \$29.1 million budget, which is a decrease of \$2.4 million (7.7 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Capital Collateral Regional Counsels

- \$6.4 million budget, which is a decrease of \$610,000 (8.7 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Regional Conflict Counsels

- \$34.3 million budget, which is a decrease of \$2.1 million (5.7 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Clerks of Court

- Removed from the state budget.

State Courts System

- \$452.1 million budget, which is a decrease of \$15 million (3.2 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.